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# The President's National Security Telecommunications Advisory Committee

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## **Committee Member Biography** **The President's National Security Telecommunications Advisory Committee**

**Kevin Kennedy**  
**President and Chief Executive Officer**  
**Avaya**

Kevin Kennedy is the president and chief executive officer of Avaya. Avaya is a leading global provider of business communications applications, systems and services.

Prior to joining the company in January 2009, Kennedy served as president and CEO of JDS Uniphase Corporation, a position he held since September 2003. He had also served as a member of the JDSU board of directors since November 2001.

Before joining JDSU, Kennedy served as chief operating officer of Openwave Systems, Inc., a position he held from August 2001 to September 2003. Prior to joining Openwave Systems, Kennedy spent close to eight years at Cisco Systems, Inc., most recently as senior vice president of the Service Provider Line of Business and Software Technologies Division.

Earlier in his career, Kennedy spent 17 years with AT&T Bell Laboratories, serving in a number of assignments in the Lincroft, Holmdel, and Middletown, New Jersey locations. During his Bell Labs tenure, he also lived and worked in Columbus, Ohio as part of the Conversant voice information system team, in the AUDIX Voice Messaging organization.

In 1987, Kennedy was a congressional fellow to the U.S. House of Representatives Committee on Science, Space and Technology. He was a member of the board of directors of Polycom, Inc. until January 2009. He currently serves on the board of directors of KLA-Tencor Corporation and is a member of the board of regents of Loyola Marymount University.

Kennedy holds a B.S. in engineering from Lehigh University in Pennsylvania, as well as M.S. and Ph.D. degrees in engineering from Rutgers University. He was an adjunct professor at Rutgers from 1982-1984 and has published more than 30 papers on computational methods, data networking and issues of technology management.

In 2006, Kennedy was honored by the School of Engineering at Rutgers as their Alumnus of the Year and awarded an Alumni Medal of Excellence. He is a co-author of "Going the Distance: Why Some Companies Dominate and Others Fail," published in 2003.